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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is a common problem. But this question relates particularly to the problem of women.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : May I draw the attention of the Government to the fact that there are no water facilities even in the lavatories for men in the mufassal?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think the Presiding Officers will take care and see that all these facilities are made available. If the lawyers also take some interest in the conveniences which have got to be provided, I am sure all these things could be easily rectified.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Arising out of the answer that lavatories would be constructed wherever necessary, I may point out that I had written to the Government that a lavatory was necessary at the Chowghat Magistrate's Court, and that I had not received any reply so far. Will the Government look into the matter and see that a lavatory is provided there?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not aware of the representation made by the hon. Member. If he has made such a representation, I am sure it is being attended to by the department.

Investigation for petroleum gas

* 3134 *Q.*—SRI C. MUTHIAH PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a team of experts from Bombay have investigated and found that petroleum gas is coming out at the rate of 240 cubic feet per hour at Neppathur in Sirkali taluk;

(*b*) if so, whether this investigation was conducted with the co-operation of the State Government; and

(*c*) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to utilise this gas for producing heat and mechanical energy?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The occurrence of gas in the village was investigated by the Geological Survey of India in 1946 and the investigation revealed that it was not petroleum gas. The occurrence is being examined again by the Geological Survey of India and by the officers of this Government.

(*c*) The matter is under examination.

SRI C. MUTHIAH PILLAI : அந்த கிராமத்திற்கு சுற்றுப்புறங்களில் சுமார் ஐந்து மைல்கள் விஸ்தீரணத்திற்கு மணிக்கு 240 கன அடிச்கு மேல் அந்த மாதிரியான பெட்ரோலியம் காஸ் வருவதாகவும் அதை வைத்துக் கொண்டு மின்சாரத்தை உற்பத்தி செய்யலாம் என்றும் 200 H.P. ஆலைகள் வேலை செய்யும் என்றும் பல நிபுணர்கள் சொல்லுகிறார்கள். ஆகையால் சர்க்கார் இதை உடனடியாக கவனித்து அந்த சுற்றுப்புறங்களில் எவ்வளவு விஸ்தீரணத்திற்கு அப்படி காஸ் வருகிறது என்று உடனடியாக பரிசீலனை செய்ய ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டு வருகிறது என்று தான் முன்பே பதில் சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன்.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : அந்த கிராமத்தில் வருகிற காஸ் பெட்ரோலியம் காஸ் இல்லை என்றுதான் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். ஆனால் அங்கு வரும் காஸ் என்ன காஸ் என்று ஆராய்ச்சி செய்திருக்கிறார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அங்கு வருவது Fuel gas என்று சொல்லலாம்.

Age exemption for Sanitary Inspectors' Training

* 3135 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have reduced the age-limit of 45 fixed in G.O. Ms. No. 483, dated 2nd March 1954 for exemption from Sanitary Inspectors' Training to 40;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) the number of persons in Malabar eligible for exemption under the new age-limit?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

Public buildings in Pudukkottai

* 3136 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received complaints in the years 1953, 1954 and up to 31st August in 1955 from the public of Pudukkottai about the deterioration of public buildings in Pudukkottai after merger; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware that the spotlessly clean and imposing buildings which were frequented by men are now being invaded by donkeys and asses on account of the neglect of the Public Works Department in not enforcing a watch?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I have no knowledge about it, nor did I receive any report. This is the first time that the hon. Member is making the allegation.